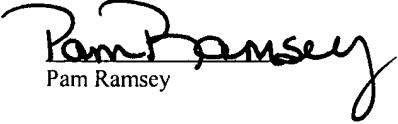


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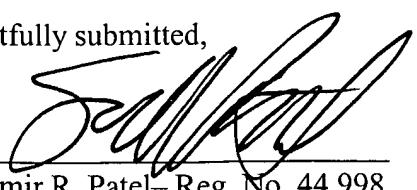
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

Applicants respectfully submit this response further to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Office Action of July 3, 2006, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement requiring election of one of the following groups of claims for continued prosecution:

Group I: Claims 1-9, 11-18 and 20-21, directed to a device/system/apparatus;

Goup II: Claims 22-28, directed to a method to collect and detect the growth of microorganisms in a specimen.